

# Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7



## Ordained Minister

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

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**April 25, 2021 Order of Worship**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**Commemorating the 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the Armenian Genocide**

**April 24, 1915**



## WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

**Prelude: Psalm 23** – Crimond – Jessie Irvine

**Welcome – Announcements** – Raymond Shea  
**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Advertisement for Photo Montage**

**Centering Music:** *We Center our Hearts for Worship.*

**Acknowledging the Traditional Territory:**

We acknowledge all traditional territories, all ceded and unceded lands that we live upon - and give thanks for all the generations of people who have taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today. May we be open to historical Truths and may we continue to learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better world with all People.

**Spiritual Focus:**

*"With God's Spirit there is Life, ABUNDANT Life!"*

## Call to Worship:

Beloved, the faithfulness of the Creator is unwavering.  
The Compassion of Jesus is overflowing,  
and the Presence of the Holy Spirit is Life-giving.  
Therefore Come, rise up as Easter People and  
Celebrate the Love of the Triune, and Faithful God.

## Song of Praise: Voices United #288

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

## Call to Confession:

Beloved, God Loves us from eternity to eternity,  
it is us that wander off and let go of the Holy One.  
Let us Pray together and confess our shortfalls and be  
reminded of God's Great and Forgiving Love.

## Prayer of Confession (All):

**O Lord, if you held our sin against us,  
who could live, who could stand?**

**We seem to have more faith in death  
than hope in your promise of abundant life. We  
seek peace through war  
and find security in weapons.**

**We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying,  
and pursue wealth by making others poor. And  
even so, you love us;  
still there is forgiveness with you!**

**Therefore, we worship you;**

**for you alone, O Lord, Love us from eternity  
to eternity and from our own shortfalls  
You redeem us forever. Amen.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness:

Beloved – God is ever forgiving –  
as far as the east is from the west, so far has God  
removed our transgressions from us.  
Celebrate and know that you are Beloved, and  
Liberated daughters and sons of the Creator.

## WE SEEK WISDOM

### **Song of Illumination: Voices United #382**

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

**Scripture Reader:** Pamela Shea

Selected verses from Prophet Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)

**Life Lesson** *"Hope: An Illogical Remedy"*

**Special Music:** *A Never-ending Alleluia* – Joseph Martin

- Grace United Church Choir (2003)

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

**Your Generosity Matters:** "Bill's Story"

Dave Charles

**Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:**

*Let us partner up with God and give to the Mission of God with Joy and Gratitude.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):**

**Holy God, through Jesus we learn about Your Love and Generosity. Therefore, today we pray in His name and ask that our offerings are sanctified and multiplied to bring forth transformation in this world for ALL. Amen.**

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH HOPE

**"Der Voghormia" <sup>1</sup> - Rev. Takouhi**

**"Lord Have Mercy"** - (An Armenian Apostolic Church Chant).  
*Armenian lyrics | English transcription | English translation*

ՏԷՐ ողորմեա, ՏԷՐ ողորմեա,

**Ter voghormia, Ter voghormia,**

Lord have mercy

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<sup>1</sup> By: Komitas - (Soghomon Soghomonian), September 26, 1869 – October 22, 1934. He was an Armenian Priest and a composer. He was arrested by the Turkish government on the night of April 24, 1915 and deported to the interior. He survived nearly four years in the killing fields. He later became a bishop and prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church in southern France. He died in Marseilles.

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Տո՛ւր աշխարհիս խաղաղութիւն,

**Amenasourp Yerrortoutyoun**

**Tour ashkharhis khaghaghoutyoun**

All Holy Trinity, give peace to the world

ՏԷ՛ր ողորմեա՛, ՏԷ՛ր ողորմեա՛,

Յիսուս Փրկիչ մեզ ողորմեա՛:

**Ter voghormia, Ter voghormia,**

**Hisous Prgich mez voghormia**

Lord have mercy, Jesus Christ have mercy

## **Prayers of Hope and Healing**

**The Prayer of Jesus** (Spoken Armenian – Rev. Takouhi)

Our Father Who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name

Thy Kingdom come

Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom the power

and the glory for ever and ever Amen

## **Song of Going Forth: Voices United #580**

*"Faith of Our Fathers"*

## **Commissioning/Sending Forth**

**Benediction – (in Armenian – Rev. Takouhi)**

And Now

May the Mercy of Jesus Christ  
the Love of God and

the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Be evident to you.

Now and forever. Amen.

**Choral Amen and Postlude:** Homage to Benedetto  
Marcello Psalm 23 – Gordon Young

## Welcome

as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or newcomer to this Community of Faith, we extend a warm greeting. Thank you for joining us virtually.

### Celebration Candle



Today we send Blessings of Joy to all who are celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Events in the coming week.

Happy Birthday Dorothy.

May Joy abound and Love Multiply.

**Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements?**

**Please contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details. Birthdays or Anniversaries can only be added with your written consent.**

### Prayers for the people



Remember in your prayers all those who are in hospital, recovering at home and those who may need our comfort, guidance and support.

**\*\*Please notify the church office if there is someone you know who is ill, in hospital or in need of pastoral care. \*\***

### **Thank you for your continued support.**

Donations to the Grace United can be made by e-transfer to [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com) – by cheque – mailed to the church at 120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7 –

Sign-up for PAR (Preauthorized Auto monthly Remittances) [https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form\\_par-authorization.pdf](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf) (link to form)

and by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

Call the church office if you have any questions.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Contact information:

Office (Laurie) 613-382-2161 [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)  
**Church Office Hours are:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesdays)**

**Rev. Takouhi (direct Line) 613-777-0880**

**Email: [RevTakouhi@Terrautopia.ca](mailto:RevTakouhi@Terrautopia.ca)**

**Session:** Chair: Paul Scott, Vice Chair: Rhea Roantree  
Clerk: Joan Shaw

**Board of Stewards:** Chair: Carolyn Scott,  
Vice Chair: Denise Wood, Secretary: Mary Haussler

**Official Board:** Chair, Brian Brooks  
Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

#### Service Schedule

Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day/Christian Family Day

Worship Leader: Donna Norman

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Day of Pentecost

Worship Leader: Tammy Fergusson

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Trinity/Communion Sunday

#### Board Meetings. (via ZOOM)

**Board of Stewards – April 27, 2021 at 3:00 pm**

**Session: - April 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

**Official Board – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 pm**

#### Important Information

*Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am*

**In person services have been cancelled until further notice. Join us on Facebook and YouTube.**

**<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedChurchGananoque>**

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>**

**The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD (Gananoque, Kingston & Napanee) at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.**